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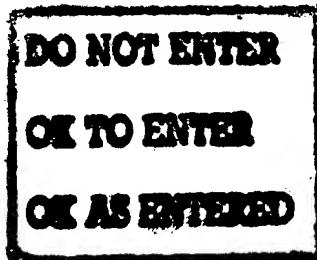
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

Tapani VUORINEN

Serial Number: 09/674,289

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Examiner: M. Alvo

For: METHOD OF PRODUCING A FIBER PRODUCT

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
TO THE FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED OCTOBER 21, 2002**

Assistant Commissioner
for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

January 21, 2003

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated October 21, 2002.

Please amend the application as directed below and consider the remarks that follow.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend claim 1 as shown below: